GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2200
ANSWERED ON:01.12.2000
SURPLUS STOCK WITH SUGAR MILLS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of sugar laying in godowns of various sugar mills in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government are aware of the fact that sugar mills are facing problems due to non-lifting of the stock;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government are also aware of the fact that farmers are unable to pay their bank loans due to non-payment of their arrears by the sugar mills; and

(e) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to remove the problems of sugar mills in the country particularly in the State of Uttar Paradesh?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a),(b) & (c) : Due to high level of production of sugar during the last two consecutive seasons 1998-99 and 1999-2000, there has been accumulation of stocks with the sugar industry. A statement showing state-wise stocks of sugar held by the sugar mills as on 15.10.2000 is at Annexure.

(d) & (e) : The Central Government have not received any report about the defaults of bank loans by the farmers due to non payment of their arrears by the sugar mills. In order to improve the financial position of the sugar mills, the Government have taken the following measures :-

(i) Levy obligation of the sugar factories has been reduced from 40% to 30% with effect from 01.01.2000.

(ii) To restrict the inflow of imported sugar in the country, the custom duty on imported sugar has been increased to 60% alongwith the existing countervailing duty of Rs.850 per tonne.

(iii) The policy of encouraging stability and reasonable level of sugar prices in the domestic market is being pursued through judicious releases of free sale sugar quotas.

(iv) Advance releases of free sale sugar are being made to the needy sugar factories to enable them to pay cane price dues.

(v) An export of 10 lakh tonnes of sugar has been allowed.

The cane price arrears of the sugar mills for the season 1999-2000 of the State of U.P. has come down to Rs.7595.00 lakhs as on 28.11.2000 which is

1.86 percent of the total amount payable to the farmers.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b) & (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION 2200 FOR ANSWER IN THE LOK SABHA ON 01-12-2000.

STATE/ZONE WISE STOCKS OF SUGAR AS ON 15th OCTOBER, 2000.

(PROVISIONAL)
(Figures in Tonnes)

SL.NO.	ZONE/STATE	STOCK
1.	PUNJAB	187256
2.	HARYANA	216386
3.	RAJASTHAN	17697
4.	WEST UP	607836
5.	CENTRAL UP	977024
6.	EAST UP	574478
7	MADHYA PRADESH	43330
8.	SOUTH GUJARAT	438059
9.	SAURASHTRA	45335
10.	SOUTH MAHARASHTRA	1076988
11.	NORTH MAHARASHTRA	979343
12.	CENT. MAHARASHTRA	1369079
13.	NORTH BIHAR	173486
14.	SOUTH BIHAR	0
15.	ASSAM	3291
16.	ANDHRA PRADESH	569502
17.	KARNATAKA	935499
18.	TAMIL NADU	1105921
19.	KERALA	8458
20.	ORISSA	25812
21.	WEST BENGAL	3552
22.	NAGALAND	0
23.	PONDICHERRY	5751
	ALL INDIA TOTAL	9386882